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25X1A Communists and Merchants of Changchun
2. Price of Commodities in Changchun

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1. The Chinese Communist Northeast Trading Bureau has been buying commodities from Communist-besieged Changchun. Merchants in Changchun who wish to trade with the Communists must go to Chialunchieh (125-54,44-03) to transact their business. Among the items sought by the Communists are leather belting, drugs and linen material.
2. On 26 June five rubber-wheeled carts transported approximately five tons of goods from Chialunchieh to the railroad station at Yinmiao (125-44,44-06).
3. In early July 1948 prices of commodities in Changchun were as follows (unit is catty unless otherwise indicated):

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price in NEC</u>
Gold (per ounce)	350,000,000
Rice (unpolished), second grade	5,000,000
Corn flour	3,500,000
Kaoling	3,800,000
Millet	4,000,000
Bean oil	3,200,000
Bean cake	2,000,000
Onions	800,000
Potatoes	1,800,000
Green vegetables	100,000
Cigarettes (per carton)	28,000,000

25X1A [REDACTED] The rate of exchange was NEC \$1 to CMC \$11.50; NEC \$1,000,000 to US \$1.)

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